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(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that year after year fatal accidents occur to cattle crossing this wide canal at Thadepalli (Kistna canal junction);

(c) whether the authorities concerned have taken any and if so, what steps to prevent such accidents;

(d) the number of such accidents during the last three years, and the amount of loss in its approximate money value;

(e) whether the Government have received any representations from the ryots of the villages in the vicinity on the subject; and

(f) if so, whether Government have passed any orders thereon?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) There is a bridge across the main canal near Undavalli and the Government understand that there are eight places between Undavalli and Duggirala where ballacuts or small boats are available for people and cattle to cross over.

(d) The Government have no information.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—"With reference to answer to clause (b), may I know whether the Government are aware that the other side of Thadepalli is a thoroughfare?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—"As regards (d), will the Government call for the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Yes, Sir."

Repairs to the Kotagiri Ghaut Road.

* 1229 Q.—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that due to recent heavy land, etc., slips on the Nilgiris Railway line and the Mettupalayam-Coonoor Ghaut Road all the traffic are diverted through the Kotagiri Ghaut Road under certain restrictions imposed by the President of the Nilgiris District Board and the District Magistrate of the Nilgiris; and

(b) whether the Government propose to give special subsidy to the Nilgiris District Board to thoroughly repair the Kotagiri Ghaut Road and bring it to its former good condition?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Improvements to the road at a cost of Rs. 60,700 are being carried out by the Nilgiris District Board in order to bring it up to such condition as to carry trunk road traffic on occasions when the trunk road to Coonoor and Ootacamund is closed. The Government have provided a grant of Rs. 34,200 for this purpose in the current year.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether a special subsidy cannot be allotted for this work in view of the importance of the road?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"That is why a grant of Rs. 34,200 has been made."